



**PATENT**

Case Docket No. ENDIUS.033A

Date: April 1, 2004

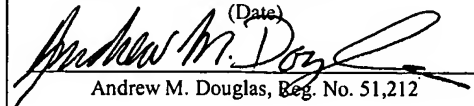
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant : Gene DiPoto  
App. No. : 10/693,663  
Filed : October 24, 2003  
For : METHODS AND  
APPARATUSES FOR  
FIXATION OF THE SPINE  
THROUGH AN ACCESS  
DEVICE  
Group Art Unit : 3732

I hereby certify that this correspondence and all marked attachments are being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450, on

April 1, 2004

(Date)

  
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**TRANSMITTAL LETTER**

**Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450**

**ATTENTION: MAIL STOP MISSING PARTS**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application Under 37 CFR 1.53(f), which was mailed by the Office on February 2, 2004, enclosed are:

- (X) An executed Declaration by Inventor.
- (X) A Power of Attorney Form and Copy of Assignment.
- (X) The present application qualifies for small entity status under 37 C.F.R. § 1.27.
- (X) A Response to Notice to File Corrected Application Papers along with the attached 9 sheets of replacement drawings.
- (X) An Information Disclosure Statement.
- (X) A PTO Form 1449 listing ninety-nine (99) references; with only twenty-three (23) references being submitted herewith.

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(X) A Notice to File Missing Parts.

(X) Return prepaid postcard.

(X) Fees as calculated below:

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FILING FEE	\$ 770
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SURCHARGE 37 CFR 1.16(e)	\$ + 130
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TOTAL OF ABOVE CALCULATIONS	\$ 900
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REDUCTION BY ½ FOR FILING BY SMALL ENTITY.

Note 37 CFR 1.9, 1.27, 1.28. If applicable, verified statement must be attached. \$ - 450

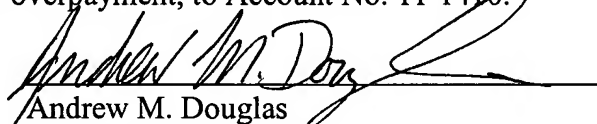
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TOTAL FEES SUBMITTED HERewith	\$ 450
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(X) A check in the amount of \$450 to cover the above fees is enclosed.

(X) The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required, now or in the future, or credit any overpayment, to Account No. 11-1410.

  
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